

REMARKS

To expedite prosecution of the application, claims 1-11 are cancelled without prejudice in this preliminary amendment. Applicants explicitly reserve the right to examination of the subject matter of claims of 1-11 in a continuation application. Upon entry of this amendment claims 12-37 will be pending in the application. Added claims 18-37 are fully supported by the specification as originally filed.

Claims 12 and 17 were amended to correct inadvertent errors. Specifically, claim 12 was amended to recite that the first and second pivot axes are perpendicular to each other, not parallel. This amendment is specifically supported in paragraphs [0061], [0062] and [0064] and the drawings, as originally filed. The same inadvertent error was carried from claim 12 to the Abstract and to paragraph [0011] of the Summary section of the specification, which are also amended.

Claim 17 was amended to recite that the first plurality of teeth is substantially perpendicular, and not parallel, to the second plurality of teeth. This amendment is specifically supported in paragraph [0062] and the drawings, as originally filed.

ABSTRACT

The Abstract was amended to correct an inadvertent error, which is discussed in the second paragraph under REMARKS in connection with claim 12.

DRAWINGS

FIG. 5 is amended to correct an informality. Specifically, the reference numeral 126, which was used to designate two different elements in FIG. 5, is replaced in FIG. 5

in one occurrence with reference numeral 129. A corresponding amendment is made in the specification.

Applicants are enclosing a revised FIG. 5 for the Examiner's approval. The enclosed Replacement Sheet, including FIG. 5, replaces the original sheet. An Annotated Sheet Showing Changes to FIG. 5 is also enclosed.

SPECIFICATION

The specification is amended to correct the following informalities:

In paragraph [0058] the reference numeral 126 was used to denote the apertures that receive worms 122 and also another the worm. A new reference numeral 129 is used to denote the apertures associated with worms 122. Accordingly, paragraph [0058] is amended to reflect this change. A corresponding amendment is made in FIG. 5.

In paragraph [0064], the two perpendicular translation axes were inadvertently identified with worms 122 and 146. As described in originally filed paragraph [0059], the two translation worms are **both** referenced as worms 122 and are correctly designated in FIG. 5. Worm 146 is associated with pivoting, as described in originally filed paragraph [0062].

Additionally, paragraph [0011] is amended to correct an inadvertent error, which is discussed in the second paragraph under REMARKS in connection with claims 1 and 12.


Paragraphs [0055] and [0061] were amended to correct minor typographical errors.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made a diligent effort to put the application in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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